Prime Minister's National Highway Development Project comprising of 7,300 km. of north-south and east-west corridors;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in finalising this project;

(c) the amount involved in completing this second phase of the project; and

(d) by when it is likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Government have, in principle, approved the 4/6 laning of all sections of the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) in April, 2000. Subsequently, Government have approved implementation of Phase I of NHDP (Golden Quadrilateral and a part of the East-West and North-South Corridors) in December, 2000. Government have also approved implementation of a part of Phase-II of NHDP covering 507 km. of the East-West Corridor in June 2003. Implementation of the balance length of Phase-II of NHDP covering 5744 km. has been recommended by the Public Investment Board and is under active consideration of the Government.

(b) There is no delay.

(c) The estimated cost of implementation of Phase-II of NHDP is Rs. 31,808 crore excluding interest on loans during construction period.

(d) The preparation of Detailed Project Report has already started and the project is scheduled for completion by December, 2007.

Foodgrain stock in FCI

*152. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total foodgrain stocks in the FCI godowns during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of total offtake of foodgrains during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether foodgrains were released to exporters at a subsidised rate;

(d) if so, the details of subsidy given along with the quantum of grains released during last three years, year-wise; and

(e) the details of foodgrains released to the Public Distribution System along with the price for the above period?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The total stock of rice and wheat in the Central Pool for the last three years is as under:—

(In lakh tonnes)

As on	Rice	Wheat	Total
1.04.2001	231.91	215.04	446.95
1.04.2002	249.12	260.39	509.51
1.04.2003	171.57	156.45	328.02

(b) The total offtake of rice and wheat during the last three years is as under:—

(In lakh tonnes)

Year	Rice	Wheat	Total
2000-01	104.19	77.88	182.07
2001-02	153.15	159.88	313.03
2002-03	246.42	249.92	496.34

(c) and (d) The quantity of wheat and rice lifted for export and subsidy released in respect thereto during the last three years is as under:—

Year	Quantity lifted for export in MT's			Amount of eligible Subsidy (Rs. in Crore)		
	Rice	Wheat	Total	Rice	Wheat	Total
2000-01	42,108	20,43,440	20,85,548	Nil	1213.00	1213.00
2001-02	23,49,868	39,64,531	63,14,399	836.47	531.90	1368.37
2002-03	80,71,502	67,93,27	31.48,64,775	3793.51	1949.18	5742.69

(e) The offtake under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) during the last three years is as under:—

	Offtake (in lakh tonnes)		
Year	Rice	Wheat	Total
2000-01	78.48	39.33	117.81
2001-02	80.42	55.24	135.66
2002-03	102.40	96.16	198.56

The Central Issue Prices of Rice and Wheat during the last three years under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) are given below:—

A. RICE (Rupees per quintal)

	APL	BPL	
Period	Common	Grade "A"	Common/ Grade "A"
29.1.1999 to 24.7.2000	1135 ($)	1180	590
25.7.2000 to 11.7.2001	1087 ($)	1130	565
12.7.2001 to 31.3.2002	795 ($)	830	565
1.4.2002 to 30.6.2002	695 ($)	730	565
1.7.2002 to till date	795 ($)	830	565

B. WHEAT

			APL	BPL
1.4.2000	to	24.7.2000	900	450
25.7.2000	to	11.7.2001	830	415
12.7.2001	to	31.3.2002	610	415
1.4.2002	to	30.6.2002	510	415
1.7.2002	to	Till date	610	415

($) Applicable only to J&K, H.P., N. E. States, Sikkim and Uttaranchal.

C. ANTYODAYA ANNA YOJNA (AAY)

Under Antyodaya Anna Yojna which was introduced with effect from 1.3.2001, the prices of Rice and Wheat are Rs. 3 and Rs. 2 per kg. respectively.

Working capital for SSIs

*153. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA;

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of SSIs that have been closed and the number of SSIs that have been registered, State-wise from 1998-99 to 2002-03 and what is the total number of SSIs as on the 31st October, 2003;

(b) whether it is a fact that in spite of Naik Committee recommendations, adequate working capital is not provided to SSIs by the Banks; and

(c) whether Government propose to help SSIs in their revival and for fulfilling adequately their working capital needs?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) The information on closed units is not maintained centrally. However, as per the quick results of the 3rd All India Census of Small Scale Industrial (SSI) units, registered upto 31.03.2001 and data collected for the year 2001-02, it was estimated that 37.65% of the SSI units were closed in the country. State-wise break up of these units is given at Statement-I. (*See* below) The number of SSI units registered from 1998-99 to 2002-03 was 5,47,905. State-wise break up of these units is given at Statement-II. (*See* below) Data on number of SSI units granted permanent registration by the State Directorate of Industries is collected on quarterly basis. Therefore, total number of SSI units registered upto 31.10.2003 is not available. The total number of SSI units registered, as on 30.09.2003 was 28,23,317.

(b) Based on Nayak Committee recommendations, banks have been advised to adopt computation of working capital requirements of SSI